

THE WEEK IN WASHINGTON.

SUNDAY, OCT. 23 .- A bold attempt at highway robbery was made in Lafavette Park, immediately across the street from the White House, at an early hour in the evening. Mr. white man, who simply remarked, "I want you," and gr. obed the old gentleman by the collar, and started to march off with him. Mr. Marcellus objected to such treatment, and struck and kicked his assailant, and at the same time yelling for assistance. He was heard by several men, who ran to his assistsince, when the highwayman let go his hold and ran. He was notly pursued, however, time. He is a young man of 21 years of age, and is thought to be one of a gang who have held up several persons lately in dif-

ferent parts of the city. MONDAY, OCT. 24.-Rear-Admiral Roger N. turned to Washington to-day, after an absence of two years and a half, which time has been spent in traveling abroad. The Admiral has taken quarters at the Ebbitt roughs in the evening while attempting to make an arrest, and was severely handled. The officer, although pelted with bricks and cobble stones, pluckily held on to his prisoner, and landed him in the stationhouse. He was severely injured, and will be off duty for

sometime. TUESDAY, OCT. 25 .- A detective and a policeman of the Washington police force were suspended to-day, accused of being cognizant now on trial and receiving bribes from these persons not to molest them in their defiance of the law. One of the policy-players is said to have made a confession in which the officers were charged with receiving the day at grade crossings in South Washington, one man being killed, and in the other a wagon smashed to pieces and a horse and man badly injured. The dead man was an not see an approaching train, his attention | Washington. being occupied with his own train. He stepped upon the adjoining track, was struck by the locomotive and instantly killed. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26.-Hon. Whitelaw Reid,

Republican Vice-Presidential candidate, arpanied by Mrs. Reid, and was driven at once to the White House, where he had an hour's audience with President Harrison. Mr. and tending the funeral services of Mrs. Harrison in this city .- Hon, Wayne MacVeagh, Attorney-General in President Hayes's Cabinet arrived in Washington to-day. He came the same table at the Arlington Hotel, but did not speak to each other .- The detachment of marines from the Washington Barracks which were sent to Chicago to take part in the dedicatory services of the Co- dons to be issued in both cases. lumbian Exposition buildings, returned to the city to-day.

THURSDAY, OCT. 27 .- The Government Departments were closed to-day from 10 to 1 o'clock, while Mrs. Harrison's funeral was in progress, out of respect to her memory. The flags of the city were all at half-mast, and there was everywhere throughout Washington exhibited genuine sorrow at the loss of the roughly handled in an alley on Monday evening, four women and two men, were to-day given 361 days in jail, the extreme penalty cases against four other persons, all negroes, were dismissed, there not being evidence sufficient to warrant their conviction.

FRIDAY, Oct. 28 .- To-day the Metropolitan will be four separate buildings, which will cost \$115,856, and will be of the most modern architecture and have every convenience.-The Baseau of Engraving and Printing was ment Departments were closed until 1 o'clock to-day, during the funeral services of Mrs. Harrison at Indianapolis, Ind. This is the first time the Departments have been closed for the death of a woman. BATURDAY, Oct. 29.—The red flag of the auc-

tion or floated before the Russian Legation in Washington to-day, and bidding was quite spirited over the personal effects of Baron do Strave, the Russian Minister, who has been transferred to another country, and expects to leave this country in a few days,-The differences heretofore existing in the ranks of the District of Columbia Democracy was patched up to-day, the two factions getting together, shook hands and buried the hatchet, one. After the patching-up process was completed, the committee had an old-time lovefeast, speeches being made by both sides in the interest of harmony.

CHAT OF THE CORRIDORS.

of diamond jewelry.

The Department of State has received advices from Madrid, Spain, by mail, which give an interesting account of the presentation of the invitation from the Congress of the United States to the Queen of Spain and the descendants of Columbus, to attend the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago. The Queen expressed her gratification at the kindness of our Congress in honoring her with an invitation, would send a representative.

tried before Justice of the Peace Milis last week, and decision reserved. This was the case of the Woman's Baptist Home against Margaret Merrill, brought to recover possession of the room occupied by defendant at the Home. Mrs. Merrill is an old Army Nurse, 70 years of age and a cripple, who, having purchased a life mem- of the proceeds of his light-fingered work. bership, claims she is entitled to being cared for at the Home, with the use of a room. The forfeited her rights by insubordination.

Secretary of State. When seen afterward by a ling the same for a period of one year; to pay have been suspended, and are out on bail.

reporter the Postmaster-General said he found Mr. Blaine very well, with the old shine in his eye and the well-known ring in his voice. Both he and Mrs. Blaine, who are suffering from their own recent bereavements, keenly Marcelins, an elderly clerk in one of the feel and plainly manifest their sympathy with Departments, while on his way to church | the President, and their tender and tearful inthrough the park, was approached by a young quiries showed a depth of feeling that none could mistake.

. . Warren P. Watrous, a real estate and note broker of Washington, was arrested last week for wholsale forgery. It appears that Watrons was in the habit of depositing notes with an Fstreet banker and getting money on them. by several men, and was captured in a short These notes were said to have been given him by Department employes, and he would indorse them and get the money. The banker finally became suspicious, went to some of the alleged drawers of the notes, who repudiated them and Stembel, U. S. Navy, retired, and family, re- said they were forgeries. The notes ranged in value from \$25 to \$50, and there was a sufficient number of them to bring the amount of money obtained up to \$500. When taxed with House, where he will remain for the Winter. | the forgeries by the banker, Watrous acknowl-- A policeman was assaulted by colored edged them, and promised to do better if he was not prosecuted.

The New York papers were claiming last week that a number of Washington negroes were being colonized in the metropolis for political purposes. This report seems to be entirely without foundation, as a canvass of the colored districts of the city, from where of policy-playing by certain parties who are these men would likely be taken for such a scheme, showed that none were missing. Several prominent negro politicians who were interviewed on the subject stated that it was a fake, and that no Washington men had gone to bribes. - Two more accidents occurred to- New York on such a scheme. Col. Perry Carson, the big colored politician of the District. is out in Indiana helping to get votes for Harrison from his colored brethren, and he has nothemploye of the Baltimore & Potomac Rail- ing to do with this kind of politics, so that it is road, who was performing his duties and did clearly a libel on the negro population of

row on Wednesday, Oct. 26, long enough to con- at Chicago. Surely its like was never seen besider the cases of Marshall Wheeler and Lee rived in Washington this afternoon, accom- | Sing, the latter a Chinaman, two convicts, who have been reported as being at the point of death, the former in the York County (S. C.) Jail, and Mrs. Reid, who have been in the West for the latter in the Albany (N. Y.) Penitentiary. some time, came here for the purpose of at- Wheeler was convicted in South Carolina of violating Internal Revenue laws and sentenced Aug. 18, 1892, to six months' imprisonment. He is suffering from typhoid fever, and it is on business, having a case to argue before the represented to the President that he will surely United States Supreme Court. He and die unless he has the benefit of purer air than Senator Hill, of New York, took dinner at he can get in his prison cell. Lee Sing is dying from cancer and is in need of immediate relief. Their cases appealed particularly to the President in his own affliction, and he ordered par-

Chief-Engineer George W. Baird, U. S. N. who is at present attached to the U. S. S. Dolphin, has been spending a few days in Washington. He recently passed an examination for promotion from the grade of Passed Assistant Engineer to that which he now holds with Mistress of the White House, -The six as- great credit, and has been allowed a few days sailants of Officer Laurenson, who was very for recreation. Chief-Engineer Baird was for some time Assistant Superintendent of the State, War, and Navy Department Building, during which can be given by the Police Court. The | which time most of the recent improvements were introduced by him. Among these are the electric-lighting plant and the design of the water-works plant and pumping-station at Hot Street Railroad Company took out a building Springs, Ark. A number of the modern applipermit for the erection of their new electric ances on board ship in connection with modern power-house and car-sheds in South Wash- machinery are also his invention. He entered ington, for their Ninth-street line. There | the Navy in Septembor, 1862, as Acting Third Assistant Engineer.

The banner of the Columbia Democratic clused to-day for repairs. The Govern- Club, which bears the names and portraits of Cleveland and Stevenson, and which was stretched across Pennsylvania avenue between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, was taken down on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the suggestion of many prominent Democrats of Washington. This was done because the funeral cortege of Mrs. Harrison, in its progress from the White House to the depot, passed along Pennsylvania avenue, and it was thought by the members of the club that it would be a mark of kindly consideration to remove the banner until after Mrs. Harrison's body had left Washington for Indianapolis. The thoughtfulness the two central committees being merged into and feeling which prompted the club to remove their banner, under the circumstances, were the subject of very favorable comment by al! | other period of the year, it would be the subject of very favorable comment by al! | have been observed by similar expressions of parties in Washington. . .

It may happen that the Government will The body bearers at Mrs. Harrison's funeral have to come to the rescue of Col. Nichols in Washington on Thursday, Oct. 27, were em- Smith, United States Consul at Three Rivers. ployes at the Executive Mansion, and were Province of Quebec, Canada. Some time ago Sergeant Loeffler, Messra, Turner, Dubois, Ken- Col. Smith made a report about the sanitary ney, Bricker, Harrie, Lewis, and Hollinberger. | condition of Three Rivers to the State Depart- | terior, says that polygamy in the Territory is ment, which has so aroused the Canadians of on the decline. In his report of last year the Several members of the Diplomatic Corps | that city that he and his family have been sub- | Governor stated that the Mormons were then who attended the dedication ceremonies of the jected to gross outrages. Col. Smith is at Columbian Exhibition at Chicago, and who re- present suffering from pneumonia, the result of turned to Washington last week, were sufferers a cold caused by the breaking of the windows this opinion. at the hands of sneak-thieves. Marquis Im- of his house when it was mobbed because of He says he does not believe that any polygaperiali, Secretary of the Italian Legation, lost his report on the city's sanitation. His family mous marriages have taken place during the \$55 in cash, a pair of diamond studs, a pearl are abused and insulted when they appear on mon leaders, and it is his conviction that there pin, and the jeweled insignia of the several the street, and every indignity is offered them is a sincere intention on the part of the Mor-Orders with which he has been decorated. One by the irate Canadians. They have demanded mon people not to approve or sanction polygaof the ladies lost a valuable pocket-book, con- the recall of Col. Smith and are pressing it taining \$25 in money and two or three pieces hard. Our Government will have to either recall him or give him protection, as his life is due consideration for the wishes and feelings said to be in danger.

The officers of the law are looking for a very slippery crooked man, who follows the races and indulges in questionable tricks, but who was beaten at his own game one day last week. justice of a great Government to turn a deaf On Wednesday, Oct. 26, this well-known char- ear to the appeal of the men who in Utah have acter was at the race track 'at Benning's, and had in his possession a paid ticket, which he claimed to have found, which had won \$300, and expressed great regret that the Constitu- but being so well known to the bookmakers, tion of Spain prohibited her from attending he was afraid to present it himself for payment. the Fair in person, but she stated that she and gave it to a confederate, who collected the sum, but who failed to give the sharp his proportion of the money. The crooked fellow An interesting landlord-and-tenant case was kicked quite hard, but was afraid to bring the which was at once done, and the jury were matter to the attention of the police for fear | instructed to bring in a verdict in accordance they would arrest |him on some old charge, as well as for stealing the ticket which drew the \$300. So he lost all, and when the actual owner of the ticket made known his loss, the crook | Baldwin, and to suspend a jail sentence against had to skip for fear of arrest, and without any | Horback, the three men on trial. In accord-

Postmaster-General Wanamaker on Wednesladies of the Home claim that Mrs. Merrill has day, Oct. 26, executed an agreement with the done because the District Attorney believed Pneumatic Transit Company of New Jersey. by which the latter covenants to lay at its own Ex-Secretary of State Blaine and his family expense a line of two parallel iron pneumatic returned to Washington last week from Maine, tubes of an inside diameter of six and onewhere they spent the Summer, and are at their | eighth inches for the transit of mails between home on Lafayette Square, near the White sub postoffices and the main postoffice, on House. Shortly after the arrival of the Chesnut street, below Fourth, in the city of that Horback has turned informer against Bisines Postmaster-General Wanamaker called Philadelphia. The company further agrees to these officers of the law, and they will be tried

all damages to these buildings or other property owned by the United States caused by the laying of these tubes, and to turn them over to the Postoffice Department for the exclusive use of the Philadelphia Postoffice for a period of one year after completion of such practical tests as the Postmaster at Philadelphia or the Postmaster-General may direct, without cost of any character whatever to the United States.

Senator David B. Hill, of New York, arrived in Washington on Wednesday morning, Oct. driven at once to the Arlington Hotel, and when he entered the breakfast room, Mr. Wayne Mac Veagh, ex-Attorney-General of the United States, was sitting at the table reading Senator in Tammany Hall, New York, in which he expressed his disgust at new political converts. He sat down nearly facing the ex-Attorney. General, but did not speak, and Mr. Mac Veagh soon finished his meal and left the room. Mr. Hill would not talk politics, and said his speech, which was printed in the morning papers, contained all he had to say on that subject. He said that he did not know Mr. Mac Veagh, and intimated that he did not wish to make his acquaintance. He expressed deep sympathy for President Harrison in his bereavement. He only remained in Washington a short time, leaving for Lynchburg, Va. 0 9 8

DIPLOMATS AT THE FAIR.

They Praise the Magnificence of their Train and the Wonders of Chicago.

The special train which carried the Diplomatic Corps from Washington to Chicago and back again was one of the finest ever run between the two cities, and the members of the corps expressed themselves in the most enthusiastic manner respecting their trip and what they saw on the shores of the great lakes. Barou Fava, the Italian Minister, who is Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, said: "I never saw such magnificence before, except in the train which my King occupies when he travels in Italy. For the people there is nothing like it anywhere else in the world. We appreciate the enterprise and ingenuity that work such results, however, and our King has bestowed a title of honor upon Mr. Pullman in recognition of his achievements. As to the World's Fair, it far surpasses my imagination of what might be. Such stupendous and artistic results are simply wonderful. The appearance of the host within the building was inspiring and unpar-

alleled." M. De Struve, the Russian Minister, could find no words, he said, in which to adequately express himself. The management of the railroad, no less than the gorgeousness of the trains, impressed him. "It is not only that we are carried in such handsome coaches, but the cafe (dining-car) service is something to admire. Nothing is lacking. I can only President Harrison laid aside his great sor- say that I am overwhelmed by the experience

Senor De Lome, the Spanish Minister, said that the magnitude of the Fair did not surprise him. "We are accustomed to big things, you know. But everything was done so easily and in such perfect order. I can't understand it all. The Fair certainly promises to be all that is

expected." Mr. Le Ghait, Belgian Minister, summed it all up in the phrase "Everything was worthy

The Hon, Mr. Herbert, the British Charged'Affaires and Secretary of Legation, said that probably never before in the history of the world had so many people been gathered together under cover as were in the Manufacturers Building Friday. "And certainly I never expect to see so many again. The daring imagination that could conceive and the dauntless spirit that could construct such a building are truly American."

China was represented by Pung Kwang Yu. First Secretary of Legation. He admitted that Oriental magnificence found its truest manifestation in the land of the Occident, and that what he saw in Chicago far surpassed the wildest vision of far-off India.

Before leaving the train the diplomats agreed upon the draft of a note to be sent to the Secretary of State, by Baron Fava, expressing their appreciation of the delightful manner in which they had been transported to Chicago and back, and entertained while in that city. Tho Secretary will be asked to convey to the members of the committee in charge of their entertainment the warmest thanks of the visitors.

MOURNING IN SOCIETY.

members of the Cabinet and their wives, being the official family of President Harrison, will, it is generally understood, go into mourning for Mrs. Harrison, and will therefore withdraw from all participation in social events for the period of one month, as there seems to be no other way for them to publicly express their sense of personal loss and sympathy with the great bereavement which has come to the Executive of the Nation. When this subject was under discussion last week, Mrs. Harrison's own conduct, when the sad events of two Winters ago brought desolation to the homes of Secretaries Tracy, Windom and Blaine, quickly came to the mind of every- | rifle. one. She at this time did all that could have possibly been done or suggested, but more than that, ber tender and thoughtful consideration for each individual found manifestation in every possible way. Her part in assuaging the sorrows of the families of Secretaries Blaine, Tracy and Windom will always be referred to as a model of womanly kindness. The effect of Mrs. Harrison's death upon general society in Washington will be very marked. It came at a quiet season; but if it had come at any other period of the year, it would undoubtedly respectful sympathy.

POLYGAMY ON THE WANE. The Annual Report of Gov. Thomas, of Utah

Territory. Arthur H. Thomas, the Governor of Utah, in his annual report to the Secretary of the Inobeying the laws as to polygamy, and he now says that he knows of nothing which has happened during the year to lead him to qualify

mous marriages in the future, In regard to the admission of Utah as a State the Governor says: "It is my opinion, having of all, that between the two great elements of the population, Mormon and non-Mormon, the sympathy of feeling and harmony of purpose does not exist which is so essential to the prosperity and happiness of the people under Statehood. Yet it would be an act unworthy the always upheld its authority and obeyed the

HARD BLOW FOR POLICY WRITERS. The Police Court of Washington has been trying the case of three policy backers for the past week, and on Wednesday, Oct. 26, the case came to an abrupt ending, by the attorneys for the defendants withdrawing the former plea of not guilty and substituting a plea of guilty, with the plea. The Assistant District Attorney then told the court that he had been instructed by the District Attorney to ask the court to impose a fine in the cases of King and ance with this desire of the District Attorney. Judge Miller fined King and Baldwin \$125 each and costs, and suspended the sentence of six months in jail against Horback. This was that this would be the best plan to pursue in the interest of the public, and that the end of instice would be better subserved by such a course. The Assistant District Attorney then preferred charges against Detectives Sutherland and Policeman Greaty of promoting the at the house and spent an hour with the ex- bear the entire cost of maintaining and operat- in a short time. In the meantime both officers

AT THE WHITE HOUSE. Simple Services Over Mrs. Harrison's Re-

mains in Washington. The funeral services over Mrs. Harrison's remains at the White House on Thursday morning, Oct. 27, were simple yet very impres sive. There was an entire absence of anything resembling ceremony, but of tears and genuine heartfelt sympathy there was no lack. The friends of the President's family who were to be present began to assemble at the Mansion shortly after 9 o'clock, and they were immediately ushered into the East Room, the largest one in the bouse. The casket was covered 26, accompanied by Gen. Farnsworth. He was with the most beautiful flowers. Mrs. Harrison's favorite flowers were, during her lifetime, orchids, chrysanthemums, and roses, and with these the casket was literally covered as by a mound. Each floral piece rivaled the other in beauty, and nearly all were in part composed Hill's speech of the evening before delivered of orchids, which the dead woman painted so often and took so much delight in. At the head and foot of the casket large palm trees were placed. Seats were arranged on the east and west sides, while the casket was placed in the center of the room.

As the hour for the services drew near a large number of persons of prominence entered the room, and most of them secured seats. Among these was ex-Secretary of State Blaine, who came in unobtrusively and sat beside Senator Proctor, of Vermout, and just back of the row of chairs occupied by the Justices of the Supreme Court. Promptly at 10 o'clock the pallbearers marched into the room, consisting of Vice-President Morton, Secretary of State John W. Foster, Secretary of War Elkins, Attorney-General Miller, Secretary of the Navy Tracy, Postmaster-General Wanamaker, Secretary of Agriculture Rusk, and Secretary of the Interior Noble. Immediately afterward the President entered the room with his daughter, Mrs. Me-Kee, on his arm, and the 300 people immediately arose to their feet and remained standing until Gen. Harrison and all the family which followed him, had taken seats.

Rev. Dr. Hamlin, Pastor of the Church of the Covenant, opened the services by reciting "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me." etc. Rev. Dr. Bartlett, Pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, assisted in conducting the services. The choir of St. John's Episcopal Church, which is principally composed of male voices, and an organ, were in an adjoining room, and rendered "Abide with Me," "Lead, Kindly Light," etc. After the services were concluded the floral offerings were removed. and the body-bearers, consisting of eight employes of the Executive Mansion, took up the casket, and, following the pall-bearers, marched out to the north portico, where the hearse was standing, the pall-bearers forming in two lines while the body was being placed in the hearse. The hearse then moved out, and the carriages were quickly filled, and the sad procession started for the depot of the Baltimore & Potomac Railway, along Pennsylvania avenue. There were crowds of people on the streets, who stood and gazed with sorrow upon the black hearse which contained all that was left of one who was universally honored and loved in Washington.

All arrangements were completed when the funeral cortege errived at the depot. The casket was placed on a cloth-covered dals in the observation-car, the other cars of the train being the dining-car Continental, compartment cars Narcissus and Ideal, and the Pullman car Wildwood-the latter car being occupied by the President and his family-and a baggage-

The train left the station at 11:40 a. m., and slowly drew out, being watched along the line of the road by crowds of people, who uncovered their heads while the train passed. The floral offerings were so numerous that there was not room for them in the observation-car, where the body was resting, and they had to be placed in the baggage-car. It was one of the most impressive funerals ever seen in Washington.

GEN. FLAGLER'S REPORT.

Something Interesting About Blg Guns and Smokeless Powder.

Gen. Daniel W. Flagler, Chief of Ordnance, United States Army, in his annual report recently submitted to the Secretary of War, has some very interesting things to say regarding big guns and smokeless powder.

The seacoast-gun factory at the Watertown completed. The pressing needs of the service for carriages, the production of which is largely in arrears, demands that the equipment of this

The test of the 10 and 12-inch-type guns is still in progress, owing to the great delays in | the hall. It was feared that the adjoining buildprocuring powders that fulfill contract requirements. The tests of the French and German smokeless powders show that they are well Vice-President Morton and his wife and the adapted for use with heavy guns, the German powder having the advantage, giving as good | and is built around the hall on two sides, only velocity as the French with a somewhat less | being separated from it by narrow alleys. charge. The German powder has the further marked advantage that it is readily made up into cartridges, while much time is required for putting up the French powder.

The Department will have completed at the end of the calendar year 15 8-inch, eight 10inch, and three 12-inch seacoast guns, which will be available for issue to the service as soon as carriages are provided for them.

The 10 inch gun has been tested and the 12inch is now ready. The accuracy of the new guns is great, especially that of the 8-inch ___

ACUTAL SETTLERS SUSTAINED. Hon, William M. Stone, Acting Commissioner of the General Land Office, rendered a decision last week which will be good news to actual settlers. The case was that of Elisha Morgan vs. James Robertson, which involved the right to possession of and final patent for a quarter section of land in what is known as the forfeited and restored portion of the Ontonagon

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and Brule River Railroad grant. The decision of the Register and Receiver at Marquette, Mich., in favor of the settler, Morgan, was affirmed by Commissioner Stone, and Robertson's Supreme Court scrip location is held for cancellation. This is the initial case of a large number which have been in contest before the General Land Office for several years, all of which will now be decided in favor of the actual settlers upon the same statement of facts and construction of the law.

CENSUS FIGURES ATTACKED. A Charge that the Cramp Shipyard was

Omitted from the Bulletin. The attention of Henry W. Cramp, of the ship-building firm of Cramp's Sons, was recently called to the report of the ship-building industry of Philadelphia, which forms a portion of a recent census bulletin of manufactures in Philadelphia. It has been charged by Congressman Reyburn, Lorin Blodgett, David Thompson, and others, that the figures of this census have been manipulated so that Philadelphia has been relegated to third place, instead of occupying her proper position as the leading manufacturing city of the country.

Mr. Cramp states that the figures forwarded to Washington by his firm alone far exceeded the totals published, and that they must certainly have been ignored in preparing the reports. The list prepared by the special agent containing the questions that the firm were to answer is now in the possession of Henry W. Cramp, having been returned to him from Washington. The reports showed that during that year alone six vessels were built, with a total value of \$3,346,000. There was also \$280.-000 worth of repair work done in 1890, making the grand total of \$3,626,000. In addition to this the value of the plant was set down at practically \$3,000,000.

The questions submitted to the firm were very numerous, and many of them it was found impossible to answer. It is believed the return was thrown out because these questions were not answered. Since the return of the list the firm has been

again asked to furnish the answers, but has failed to do so because of utter inability to fully comply. Many of the questions would require for answer a complete exposure of private business.

and this, they contend, they have no right to be asked to disclose. Among other things, they are asked to state from what States the different kinds of lumber used are secured. This is beyond their power to state, as the material is bought without ques-

tion as to where it was grown. Hon. Robert P. Porter, Superintendent of the Census, said, in reference to the above report, that "the industrial statistics of Philadelphia, as given out by the Census Office, were collected by Charles Heber Clark, Secretary of the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia and Editor of the Textile Record. He is a man of high ability and character, and his work has the support of the manufacturers of that city. A man named Thompson who was discharged for incompetency and for attempting to "stuff" the returns of Philadelphia, is instigating this attack. I have now several of Thompson's men under indictment for forgery in making false

pain Cramp's statement, but suppose that he has | handsomest young ladies in Washington. either failed or refused to give in his returns, or that the statistics of shipbuilding have been reserved for the special report on that subject. I am certain nothing has been omitted intentionally, and am likewise certain that the industrial statistics of Philadelphia have been carefully collected, and that the work will stand fair criticism of any kind. A growth such as that shown in Philadelphia ought to be satisfactory, without padding."

AN OLD LANDMARK GONE. Historic Willard Hall Destroyed by Flames After a Stubborn Fight.

Old Willard Hall, on F street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets northwest, was burned out on the evening of Thursday, Oct-27, between 6:20 and 8 o'clock. A serious and extensive fire was averted by the extraordinary exertions of the fire department. The flames were discovered after they had gained considerable headway by Capt. Cunningham, who at once notified the hotel people. The employes of the hotel had been instructed in a fire-drill, and they were at once put into service, and, assisted by citizens, they put the hotel Arsenal has been greatly improved, but not | hose in operation, while others formed a bucket brigade

The flames were burning flercely under and about the stage in the hall when these measplant be pushed to completion as early as prac- ures were perfected, and every effort was made to put out the fire. A general alarm was turned in and the entire fire department was soon at ings on F street would catch fire, as well as the big hotel of the same name as the hall would be consumed, as it is a very old building and has none of the modern fire-proof appliances,

The firemen worked heroically, however, and confined the flames within the walls of the old hall, which appeared to be heated to a red-hot heat from the outside, filling the surrounding chilly air with a genial warmth. After a long fight the flames were subdued, but not until the interior of the hall had been gutted, and the entire premises, together with the basement of Willard's Hotel, had been submerged with Potomac River water.

The store-rooms of Willard's Hotel were immediately under the hall, and were stored with about \$10,000 worth of provisions and groceries, and it is thought great damage has been done, although no estimate can be made until the place is inspected by the underwriters. The goods are insured to their full

The hall has not been used for some time, and the origin of the fire is a mystery. It is thought that the fire originated either in the hotel kitchen or laundry, or the carpentershop, all of which are in close proximity to the hall. The damage will probably reach \$20,000, mostly covered by insurance. The hall was built early in the present century, and was used as a church for sometime, but was afterward turned into a theater.

MAINE'S GOVERNOR IN WASHINGTON. Gen. Edwin C. Burleigh, Governor of the State of Maine, was in Washington last week, accompanied by his official staff and others of the Pine Tree State. They stopped at Willard's Hotel and went sightseeing. They did not remain at the Capital very long, but took train for home after thoroughly doing the city. The persons in the party were Gov. Edwin C. Burleigh, Gen. H. M. Sprague, Gen. John Hopper and wife, Col. D. A. Robinson, Col. Charles P. Allen, Col. E. C. Farrington, Col. F. D. Pullen, Col. G. L. Thompson and wife, Col. A. G. Blunt, Col. E. M. McDonald, Col. Stanley Plummer, Hon. J. C. Chadbourne, Capt. C. B. Hall, U. S. A.; Gen. George L. Beal, Miss E. J. Boardman, Col. N. B. Potter, Hon. Hall C. Burleigh, N. W. Cookson, M. F. King and wife, Miss King, J. F. Brackett and wife, F. M. Simpson and wife, P. Spofford and wife, Ormand de Smith and wife, C. J. House and wife, A. B. Packham and wife, Arthur Brown, M. C. Wedgewood and wife, Mrs. C. M. Chapman and A. W. Shultieff.

ARMY AND NAVY. Brig.-Gen. Martin D. Hardin, U. S. Army. retired, was married to Miss Amelia McLaughlin, the daughter of a wealthy merchant of Chicago, in that city on Monday, Oct. 24. The ceremony was performed by Cardinal Gibbons. Gen. Hardin graduated from the Military Academy in 1859, and at the breaking out of the war was a First Lieutenant of the 3d Art. In July, 1862, he was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel of the 12th Pa. Reserves, and in September, 1862, was made Colonel of the regiment. He became a Brigadier-General in July, 1864, and was mustered out of the volunteer service in 1866, and went back into the Regular Army as Major of the 43d Inf. He was transferred to the 1st Inf. in 1862, and was retired from active service as Brigadier-General, Dec. 15, 1870, because of loss of left arm and wounds received in line of duty.

Maj. Sinclair, 2d Art., commanding at Fort Warren, Boston Harbor, Mass., and a detective named Peck are in trouble. They arrested one Charles M. Pierce for alleged desertion from the Army, but after keeping him in jail 19 days patriot of unblemished reputation, and has brought suit against Maj. Sinclair and Peck for false imprisonment. He wants \$1,300 for each day that he was restrained of his liberty. Gen. Greely, Chief Signal Officer of the Army,

the position of Chief Signal Officer becomes vacant the Chief of the Corps should thereafter be a Colonel, with two Assistant Chiefs, one with the grade of Lieutenant-Colonel, and the other with the grade of Major, and that the office of the two Lieutenants be abolished. Such an arrangement, he says, would decrease the number of officers by one and reduce the expenses several thousand dollars annually. CHANGING DISTRICT NAMES.

Some of the Oderiferous Appellations will not be Found on the New Maps.

It was decided by the District of Columbia authorities last week that a commission should be appointed to revise the geographic names which have become attached to the hills, valleys, streams, streets, and alleys of the 10-mile square of ground set apart for the National Capital, and bring order out of chaos, and do away with some of the unpleasant-sounding names at present attached to some of them. Some of these alleys are a disgrace to the community: being known by such appellations as Louse, Pig, Tincup, Fighting, etc.

The Chief of the Coast Survey has appointed as a member of this Commission Mr. B. F. Colonna; the District Commissioners appointed Mr. W. P. Richards, of the Engineer's Department, and the President of the Board of Geographic Names appointed Prof. Otis G. Mason, of the Smitheonian Institution, to act as said Commis-

The necessity for taking this step to regulate the geographical naming of the City of Washington and its suburbs has been made apparent in the course of the work on a map of the District, which is in course of preparation by the Coast Survey. This map will be a magnificent work, and on a much larger scale than any other heretofore made. Each square mile will be outlined upon a single sheet, so that the map will be 100 sheets in size, and will cover more space than the largest theatrical poster. The map-makers were much puzzled to settle upon the names for various parts of the District, as they found that many hills, streams, and roads were known by two or three names, which have become attached to them through some incident or person who has figured at some time in local history, while others lack appropriate

It will be the duties of this Commission to remedy this confusion, but they will not blot out any geographic title which is endeared to the inhabitants. They will look into local history where the names belong to some old landmark, find out how they originated, and the one which is found to be most appropriate will be adopted. The names of early settlers and of events which have been turned to geographical use will receive due consideration. Some of these names, such as Louse alley, can easily be dropped and never missed. The Commission will be glad to receive suggestions which will help in solving problems of precedence and fitness which they are now called on to solve for

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Miss Hattie Zulime Whitney, granddaughter of Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines, and Mr. Milo C. Summers, of Illinois, a clerk in the Surgeon-General's Office, War Department, were married at the Epiphany Church in Washington, on Wednesday evening, Oct. 26. Miss Whitney is the youngest grandchild of the celebrated Mrs. Gaines, widow of Gen. Gaines, who so long and pluckily fought for big possessions which she claimed in New Orleans, at last gaining her suit, but not living to reap her reward. The church was crowded with a fashionable audience, and the young couple were attended to the altar by four bridesmaids and "Not being at the office, I am unable to ex- four groomsmen. The bride is one of the

Miss Katharine Heaton Offley and Lieut, Ben Hebard Fuller, U. S. Marine Corps, were married on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at St. John's Church, Georgetown, Bishop Nelson, a cousin of the bride, performing the wedding ceremony. The ushers were officers of the Marine Corps and Army and Navy in full uniform. There were a large number of prominent officials and Army and Navy people present. Senator David B. Hill, of New York, passed

through Washington last week on his way to Virginia, where he was billed for several speeches. Secretary of Agriculture Rusk arrived in Washington on Wednesday, Oct. 26. He has been on an extended visit to his home in Wis-

THE FURNITURE RETURNED. Count Mitkiewicz Gives Bond and His Goods

are Restored. The case of Julian Wall, the Washington agent of R. J. Horner, of New York, against Count Eugene D. Mitkiewicz and others, came up for hearing this morning before Judge Bradley in the Circuit Court upon a motion of the defendant, Mitkiewicz, for a return of the property recently seized by the Marshal under a writ of replevin. The plaintiff was represented by H. M. Westfall, the local attorney, and also by Mr. Burke, of Brooklyn. The Count was represented by Clarence A. Brandenburg and Robert Cristy. After argument the court granted the motion of the defendant's attorneys and passed an order directing the Marshal to return to the Count the furniture seized upon his giving bond, with surety to be approved by the court. The bond will be furnished, Mitkiewicz says, sometime during the

present week. It is understood that Judge Bradley's decision n this suit is based on the legal proposition that personal property cannot be replevined by a person who is unable to prove ownership in it. Mr. Horner should therefore have been the plaintiff instead of his agent, Mr. Wall.

THE U. V. U. TAKES A HAND.

Capt. W. H. Michael, Commander of the Department of the Potomac Union Veterans' Union, last week issued an order, in which, after reciting the objects of the organization, he drifts into politics quite extensively, saving: "It is the duty, therefore, of your Department Commander, as he understands his obligations, to call your attention to the fact that veterans are on the eve of a great battle, involving their good name, their honor and their most sacred rights. I refer to the election to take place on the 8th day of November next. On that day will be decided who shall be President for the next four years. On that day will be decided whether the United States Senate and House of Representatives shall be Republican or Democratic. What does this mean to the veterans who saved the Union ?! He then makes reference to Mr. Harrison's war record, to Mr. Cleveland's pension vetoes. etc., and closes by saying: "If the veterans would help themselves and help each other, they must vote for their comrade, who stood with them at the front, and with the party that has always been the Union soldier and sailor's

RAINMAKERS EXPERIMENTING.

friend."

On Thursday afternoon, Oct. 27, considerable speculation was indulged in by citizens of Washington at the appearance of an immense balloon looming up in the clouds across the Potomac in Virginia, and everybody wanted to know if there were people in it, its size being thought sufficient to carry several persons. It was the first of a series of experimental ascensions which are to be made by the rainmakers of the Agricultural Department from the Govrnment reservation at Fort Myer

The balloon carried two passengers-Prof. H. T. Ellis, of the Agricultural Department, who had charge of the rainfall experiments for some months in Texas last year. The object of the ascent was to test the relative humidity of the upper air strata, and the trip was a very sucdessinl one. The start was made a little after 3 o'clock,

and the balloon remained aloft for three hours. attaining a maximum altitude of between 9,000 and 10,000 feet, with a minimum temperature of 13° Fahrenheit, and landing seven miles from Fort Myer, where it had left the earth. The cloud strata stood at 14°, and was frozen, of course, and even the surrounding clear air was completely saturated, though the upper region was found to be very dry. The difference in temperature of 40° between the highest elevation and the surface of the earth was very unusual.

Forty-four Acres of Floor Space. [Chicago Herald.]

From a material point of view the Manufactures Building is one of the most interesting structures in the world. In its construction 17,000,000 feet of lumber, or about 1,100 acres of average Michigan pine trees, were used. In the floor alone are 7,000,000 feet of lumber. AGENTS \$300 made monthly selling our New allowed him to go. Pierce claims that he is a The iron and steel used in it would build two Clauss Shear Co., 100 Chamber street, N. Y. Brooklyn bridges. The Romans thought they had reached the limit when the Coliseum with seats for 80,000 persons, was built. Four Coliseums could be put on the floor of Manufac turers' Hall. It is possible, but not desirable, in his annual report recommends that when | to seat 300,000 persons in this building. In its roof are 11 acres of skylights and 40 carloads of window-glass. Including the galleries the structure furnishes 44 acres of floor space.

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